

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY** FOR ORIGINAL U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney's Docket No. SSL1P022/SS-42

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SECURING DIGITAL ASSETS USING TIME-BASED SECURITY CRITERIA the specification of which,

(check one)	1.	is attached hereto.		
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	3.	International PCT Applic	eation No.	
I hereby state that I have amended by any amendment	reviewo ant referr	d and understand the cored to above.	ntents of the above-identified	specification, including the claims, as
I acknowledge the duty to 37, CFR § 1.56.	disclos	e information which is ma	iterial to the patentability of th	is application in accordance with Title
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I hereby claim the benefit	under 35	i U.S.C. §119(e) of any U	nited States provisional applica	ution(s) listed below:
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## Prior U.S. Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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## **Power of Attorney**

And I hereby appoint the law firm of Beyer Weaver & Thomas, I.L.P and all practitioners who are associated with the Customer Number 022434 as my principal attorneys and those are associated with Customer Number 33708 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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